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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller
THROUGH : Deputy Director for Support
SUBJECT : Defense Intelligence Agency

1. This memorandum is in response to Action Memorandum A-437, dated 30 November 1964.

2. The Office of Security has a many faceted liaison with representatives of the Defense Intelligence Agency involving the various security functions of mutual interest. The comments of the officers responsible for liaison follow.

a. Special Security Center

Representatives of the Special Security Center are in daily contact with DIA on special security control system matters involving security policy, security surveys, certification of access approvals and the establishment of special system control centers throughout the world. In the course of these contacts DIA has been fully responsive and highly cooperative. DIA has also readily accepted security policy guidance and quickly put such guidance into practice.

b. Security Committee of USIB

The DIA has been particularly beneficial in facilitating the consideration of security policy matters involving intelligence components of Defense.

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This especially concerns those matters before the Security Committee of USIB. DIA, by serving as the focal point for Defense Committee Members, has assisted greatly in resolving internal Defense problems and presenting unified Defense positions. This has avoided the extensive open committee discussions with each of the Defense Members which were necessary in the past. It is contemplated that the role of DIA in this regard will be enhanced in the future and be of even greater significance and assistance.

DIA has also been of invaluable assistance in ensuring the uniform implementation of community security policy matters within Defense. DIA has further been of assistance in coordinating with Defense the investigation of unauthorized disclosures which concern Defense components.

c. United States Military Information Control Committee

The Office of Security provides the CIA member to the United States Military Information Control Committee. Colonel N. J. Brown, the JCS observer at US-MICC meetings, represents the interests of DIA. In all instances there has been a free and frank interchange between the CIA member and Colonel Brown. In agenda matters concerning intelligence, Colonel Brown obtains a coordinated Defense Department position prior to open discussion.

d. Security Research Staff

Liaison with the Defense Intelligence Agency by the Security Research Staff has been limited solely to contact with Mr. [redacted] of that Agency. Mr. [redacted] has been responsive and cooperative in each instance where DIA assistance has been necessary.

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Volume of contact with DIA through Mr. [redacted] has been slight over the past few years. This has been the result of requirements being levied by DIA upon military investigative organizations, particularly the Office of Special Investigations of the Department of Air Force and ACSI, Department of the Army. In such cases normal counter-intelligence liaison with those military organizations serves as the vehicle for SRS participation in inquiries of DIA interest. In two cases within the past year information about military personnel which was provided to ACSI/DA has been forwarded to DIA with the prior concurrence of this Staff, when it was learned that the military personnel involved were under DIA command jurisdiction.

The bulk of SRS requirements of DIA would thus actually fall on OSI/USAF and ACSI/Army and in some cases on ONI. One specific case of CI interest to SRS/CIA was handled directly between Mr. [redacted] and the Chief of the Security Research Staff of CIA.

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c. Field Investigations

There is a nominal amount of liaison between the [redacted] offices of CIA and representatives of DIA. In all instances DIA has been fully responsive to all requests.

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